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SUBJECT: AUGUST 23 EA PRESS SUMMARY

.. SECRETARY'S CHINA VISIT

NYT, WP, PHINQ, NYDN FEATURE LARGE PAGE ONE UPI PIC OF  
SECSTATE/HUANG HUA DINING 8/2, IN GREAT HALL OF PEOPLE.

OTHER PAPERS CONTINUE PROMINENT COVERAGE VANCE MISSION.

GLOBE'S BEECHER (8/22) REPORTS SECSTATE BRINGING S:VERAL PROPOSALS TO PRC. ALTHO DOS GUARDED ON SPECIFICS, BEECHER BELIEVES PROPOSALS INVOLVE GLOBAL ACTIONS US/PRC CAN TAKE TO SHOW MUTUAL BENEFIT IN CLOSER TIES/BILATERAL ACTIONS US/PRC COULD TAKE TO NORMALIZE RELS IN WAY THAT WOULD MAKE IT UNLIKELY PEKING EXTEND CONTROL OVER TAIWAN BY FORCE. SOURCES SAY CARTER TOLD VANCE TELL CHINESE HE WOULD LIKE NORMALIZE RELS DURING HIS FIRST TERM IN OFFICE. SENIOR OFFICIAL IN SECSTATE PARTY REPORTED WORD PASSED TO CHINESE SEVERAL MONTHS AGO ON WHAT ISSUES US INTENDED DISCUSS DURING VANCE VISIT.

PHINQ; REUTER (PEKING); AP, NYDN; UPI, BALTO N-A REPORT VANCE, AT 8/22 PM BANQUET, STRESSED ADMIN GOAL FULL RELS W/PRC AND THAT US SEES PRC AS "CENTRAL ELEMENT" IN ITS

FOPOL DESPITE FACT TWO COUNTRIES HAVE "DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVES." HUANG HUA INDICATED STILL PROBLEMS IN RELS BETW TWO, SAYING INDIRECTLY THAT TAIWAN CONSIDERED MAJOR OBSTACLE. HUANG MADE REFERENCE TO CHRMN HUA KUO-FENG'S CONCLUDING SPEECH TO 11TH CONGRESS, AS CLEAR ENUNCIATION PRC'S FOPOL. THAT SPEECH, RELEASED BY NCNA JUST BEFORE SECSTATE ARRIVAL, HUA SAID, AS CONDITION FOR NORMALIZATION US MUST SEVER TAIWAN TIES. IN BANQUET TOAST, VANCE UNCLASSIFIED

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ALSO STRESSED US SEES RELS W/PRC AS IMPORTANT FACTOR TO PROMOTE PEACE IN ASIA/ELSEWHERE, ADDING US NOW IN PROCESS STRENGTHENING RELS W/TRADITIONAL ALLIES/IMPROVING THOSE W/FORMER ADVERSARIES. H- ALSO INDICATED TAIWAN ISSUE TO BE DISCUSSED LATER IN TALKS. PRIOR TO BANQUET, VANCE GAVE HUANG 2 1/2-HOUR OVERVIEW US FOPOL. HUANG MADE NO COMMENT. NOTHING IMMEDIATE EXPECTED FROM TALKS ALTHO PRC OFFICIALS PRIVATELY EXPRESS IMPATIENCE OVER SLOWNESS PROGRESS TOWARD NORMALIZATION.

MATHEWS (WP) SAYS ABSENCE POWERFUL DECISION-MAKERS OR POLITBURO MEMBERS AT BANQUET SUGGEST NEW GOVT'S APPROACH US SLOW, CAUTIOUS. VANCE GREETED W/LITTLE FANFARE; FETED IN SMALLER BANQUET ROOM THAN USED DURING HAK VISITS. SEES NO INDICATION YET VANCE TO MEET W/HUA AND/OR TENG. NOTES HUANG BANQUET TOASTS LACKED FIERY CRITICISM OF US/SOVDET DETENTE THAT MARKED TENG ADDRESS DURING FORD'S 1975 VISIT.

BEECHER (GLOBE) REPORTS VANCE/HUANG REMARKS AT BANQUET SUGGEST US/PRC RAPPROCHEMENT WILL BE SLOW, DIFFICULT PROCESS. THIS FURTHER REINFORCED BY FACT THAT AFTER BANQUET,

NCNA RELEASED FULL TEXT HUA'S ADDRESS 11TH CONGRESS.  
NOTES VANCE ADDRESS "DISPASSIONATE"; THAT HIS "MONO-  
LOGUEW/CHINESE TO RESUME 8/23 W/EMPHASIS ON AFRICA/LATIN  
AMERICA.

TREWITT (SUN) STATES HUANG AT BANQUET NOTED THAT RIVALRY--  
PRESUMABLY BETW US/USSR--FOR WORLD HEGEMONY WOULD RESULT  
IN WAR BUT CHINA WOULD EMERGE FROM CONFLICT TRIUMPHANT.

BUTTERFIELD (NYT) REPORTS US OFFICIALS DON'T CONSIDER  
FACT VANCE NOT YET MEETING W/HIGH RANKING CHINESE SIG-  
NIFICANT. SINCE TWO LEADING PRC SCIENTISTS PRESENT BAN-  
QUET, SUGGESTS PRC MIGHT WANT DISCUSS INCREASING IMPORT  
US TECHNOLOGY. SPECULATES VANCE BRINGING SPECIFIC PRO-  
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POSALS ON TAIWAN ISSUE; NOTES DOS DECLIN-S COMMENT ON THIS.

KEATLEY (WSJ) SAYS PRESENCE OF SCIENTISTS/ACADEMICS AT  
BANQUET FURTHER SUGGESTS PRC MAY NOW BE WILLING EXPAND  
BILAT SCIENTIFIC/TECHNICAL EXCHANGES.

MORITZ (CSM) STATES DESPITE CORDIAL ATMOSPHERE, CHINESE  
CLEARLY PLAYING DOWN VANCE VISIT. OFFICIAL EXPLANATION  
IS THAT VANCE ONLY SECSTATE, NOT PRES OR EVEN NATL  
SECURITY CHIEF, AS WAS HAK.

## 2. CHINA

ON RECENT PRC TRIP, EX-CNO ZUMWALT TOLD BY PEKING LEADERS  
TO BE WARE USSR, DESCRIBED AS OUTWARDLY STRONG/INWARDLY  
FEEBLE. ADM SAYS DID NOT AGREE W/FONMIN HUANG HUA'S AS-  
SESSMENT THAT SOVIET TROOPS IN SIBERIA AIMED AT US/JAPAN  
(ZUMWALT, GLOBE 8/21). ADM REPORTS TAIWAN QUESTION IS  
MAJOR STUMBLING BLOCK IN PATH IMPROVED RELS; ADDS SHANGHAI  
COMMUNIQUE REMAINS BASIS PRC'S POLICY TOWARD TAIWAN. RE-  
COUNTS INTERVIEW W/LI HSIEN-NIEN (GLOBE 8/22). MARDER/  
WILSON (WP) EXAMINE TRANSCRIPTS/SUMMARIES ZUMWALT CONVER-  
SATIONS W/PRC LEADERS. FIND BLUNT LANGUAGE COUPLED W/  
CRITICISM US FOR APPEASING USSR. FIND PRC LEADERS CON-  
CLUDED USSR FOCUSING ENERGIES ON W EUR RATHER THAN CHINA/  
AFRICA; AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT GOING WELL FROM PRC VIEWPOINT;  
BARTERING SURPLUS PRC OIL FOR US ARMS COLLIDES W/CURRENT  
PEKING POLICY, BUT BUYING US OIL-DRILLING EQUIPMENT DOES  
NOT. STATE DISCUSSIONS REVEAL NO NEW FLEXIBILITY.

SEHLSTEDT (SUN) QUOTES US SCHOLARS WHO VISITED PRC EARLIER  
THAT RESURGENCE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH EXPECTED THERE, AC-  
COMPANIED BY EXPANDED CONTACTS ABROAD W/EXPERTS IN VARIOUS  
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DISCIPLINES.

3. HONG KONG

HEROIN PRICE TRIPLES IN PAST 2 1/2 YRS; OVER 8000 ADDICTS,  
OUT OF ESTIMATED 60-100,000 NOW SEEK TREATMENT (REUTER,  
LAT 8/20).

4. THAILAND

PM THANIN SET FIRE TO MORE THAN 3 TONS HEROIN/MARIJUANA/  
OTHER ILLICIT DRUGS MONDAY TO DEMONSTRATE GOVT'S DETER-  
MINATION STAMP OUT ILLEGAL NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING.  
BURNED DRUGS SEIZED IN 73/74, TOTALED 1.5 MIL DOLS  
(AP, NYT).

5. INDOCHINESE REFUGEES

URGENT EFFORTS UNDERWAY BANGKOK FIND HOMES FOR 66 RVN  
REFUGEES RESCUED FROM SMALL FISHING BOAT IN GULF THAILAND.  
RTG IMMIGRATION WOULD NOT ALLOW REFUGEES DISEMBARK  
UNLESS 3RD COUNTRIES PLEDGED RECEIVE THEM, SINCE COUNTRY

ALREADY HOUSING MORE THAN 80,000 INDOCHINA REFUGEES  
(REUTER BANGKOK).

RTG SERIOUSLY CONSIDERING TOUGH NEW POLICIES THAT COULD  
REFUSE ASYLUM PERHAPS HALF REFUGEES FLEEING INDOCHINA.  
NEW POLICY, BEING WORKED OUT W/UNHCR, WOULD CATEGORIZE  
REFUGEES AS EITHER POLITICAL/ECONOMIC, APPLY BASICALLY  
LAOS. POL REFUGEES WOULD BE RECEIVED IN REFUGEE CAMPS/  
SUPPORTED BY UN. ECON REFUGEES WOULD BE TREATED AS  
ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS, LIABLE PRISON/FINES/DEPORTATION.  
ALTHO PLAN REPORTEDLY APPVD, W OFFICIALS FEAR NEW POLICY  
INVITATION TO RTG FOR ARBITRARY DECISIONS/WOULD SET  
OMINOUS PRECEDENT. UN OFFICIALS SUPPORT VIEW STRICT  
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MEASURES CALLED FOR, SAYING RTG DEMONSTRATED IMPRESSIVE  
TOLERANCE/UNDERSTANDING SINCE FALL INDOCHINA. LAO  
HILL TRIBESMEN, WHO WOULD BE PRIMARILY AFFECTED BY  
NEW POLICY, WOULD BE NO BETTER OFF IN THAI CAMP THAN  
BACK IN LAOS, ACCORDING UN REP (MCARTHUR, LAT 8/20).

5. JAPAN

IN 8/22 TV INTERVIEW, FUKUDA SAID PEOPLES OF SEA HAVE NOT FORGOTTEN WWII/SOME FEAR JAPAN'S ECON POWER/MIL POTENTIAL. EXPLAINED THAT DURING SEA TOUR, HE PLEDGED JAPAN HAD NO INTENTION OF BECOMING MIL POWER/WOULD CONDUCT ECON RELS AS "GOOD FRIEND AND EQUAL PARTNER" (REUTER TOKYO 8/22).

MOF ANNOUNCES JAPAN'S CUSTOMS CLEARANCE BASIS TRADE IN EARLY AUGUST SHOWED 156.5 MIL DOL DOL SURPLUS, UP SHARPLY FROM 58.4 YR AGO (LAT 8/22).

#### 6. AUSTRALIA/NEW ZEALAND

AUSTRALIAN WORKERS GIVEN 2 PCT PAY RAISE 8/22 BY COUNTRY'S ARBITRATION COMMISSION IN DECISION DESCRIBED BY GOA AS BLOW TO ITS ATTEMPTS CONTROL INFLATION (WP).

GONZ PLANS SET UP LTD LIABILITY CO TO UNDERTAKE OIL/GAS EXPLORATION MARKETING; ENERGY MINISTER CONFIRMED THIS/ REFUSED GIVE MONETARY DETAILS, ALTHO SAID INVESTMENT WOULD INVOLVE "MANY MILLIONS OF DOLLARS" (MC LAUGHLAN, JOC).

#### 7. PHILIPPINES

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BALT N-A (8/22)/CSM/PHINQ/NYDN RUN AP/UPI REPORTS ON MARCOS' ANNOUNCEMENT AT OPENING SESSION WORLD LAW CONF TO RELAX MARTIAL LAW/FREE POL PRISONERS. AP (SUN)

NOTES SHORTLY AFTER MARCOS SPEECH, GOVT AGENCIES POSTED LIMITATIONS/QUALIFICATIONS TO MEASURES. REUTER MANILA 8/22 CITES INFORMED SOURCES WHO SAY POL AMNESTY WOULD NOT APPLY TO THOSE FACING CHARGES BEFORE MIL COURTS, SUCH AS FORMER OPPOSITION SEN AQUINO. WP'S WIDEMAN (MANILA) REPORTS GOP OPPONENTS SKEPTICAL OF MARCOS' PROMISE HOLD LOCAL ELECTIONS NEXT YR. NOTE HONEST ELECTIONS WOULD BE DIFFICULT SINCE MARCOS' RELATIVES/ FRIENDS CONTROL COUNTRY'S MEDIA.

HONOLULU HEALTH OFFICIALS SAY AMER TOURIST BROUGHT 1ST RECORDED CASE CHOLERA TO US SINCE 1961 (AP, SUN; WP).

#### 8. INDONESIA

DEATH TOLL FOR FRI'S QUAKE/TIDAL WAVE IN SE ISLANDS NOW 72 (UPI, NYT; WP), BUT 81 STILL MISSING (UPI, NYT).

9. MALAYSIA

BANK AMERICA PREDICTS TIN PRICES WILL RISE 25 PCT IN  
NEXT 2 YRS AS RESULT ACTION TAKEN LAST MO BY WORLD'S  
PRODUCERS/CONSUMERS. ADDS PRICE SHOULD RISE 20 PCT  
THIS YR ON PENANG MKT TO 4.20 DOLS PER LB (WP).

10. KOREA

SK'S 1ST NUKE POWER PLANT BEGINS COMML OPN (AT, LAT  
8/21).

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SEN CARN (R-UTAH) ADMITS TOOK 1975 TRIP TO SK/TAIWAN  
PAID FOR BY KOREAN-US ECON COUNCIL/PAC CULTURAL FOUNDA-  
TION (VOLZ, NYDN).

12. GENERAL

TRANS INTL AIRLINES ASKS CAB PERMISSION OFFER SCHEDULED  
SERVICES BETW US-HK/TOKYO AT LESS THAN HALF CURRENT  
FARE (AP, SUN; UPI, WP; WILLIAMS, NYT).

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

13. SECRETARY'S CHINA VISIT

SCHMIDT (CSM) CONTENDS QUESTION PRC MOST CONCERNED W/DUR-  
ING VANCE VISIT IS WHETHER W/DRAWAL US TROOPS IN SK SIG-  
NIFIES US WEAKNESS IN AREA. BELIEVES WHILE NORMALIZATION/  
TAIWAN ISSUE CERTAINLY WILL BE DISCUSSED, CHINA'S OVER-  
RIDING CONCERN IS BALANCE OF POWER BETW US/USSR/PRC. EX-  
PECTS PRC TO PERCEIVE CARTER AS LESS INTERESTED IN CHINA/  
MORE TENACIOUS RE MAINTAINING TAIWAN LINKS THAN NIXON/  
KISSINGER. SEES VANCE UNLIKELY TO MAKE HEADWAY ON TAIWAN  
ISSUE. HOWEVER, BELIEVES REAL PROGRESS CAN BE ACHIEVED  
IF VANCE CONVINCES PRC US DETERMINED REMAIN STRONG ASIA  
POWER DESPITE GROUND FORCE W/DRAWALS.

CHILDS (WP) SEES VANCE MISSION AS LARGEY FUTILE EFFORT.  
SAYS DIFFICULTIES CARTER ADMIN NOW FACING ON PANAMA CANAL  
TREATY WILL LIKELY INTENSIFY CONSERVATIVE OPPOSITION TO  
ANY MOVE TOWARD PRC THAT WOULD MEAN BREAK W/TAIWAN. TIM-  
ING OF PANAMA/PRC INITIATIVES DESCRIBED AS "LAMENTABLY  
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WEAK" FOPOL PLANNING OF CARTER ADMIN.

MCGRORY (WSTAR 8/21) SAYS SINCE CARTER HAS NOT MADE UP HIS OWN MIND ON QUESTION OF US POSITION RE TAIWAN VIS-A-VIS NORMALIZATION, USELESS FOR VANCE MISSION TAKE PLACE NOW.

CDN (8/18), AFTER REVIEW US/PRC RELS, URGES VANCE NOT COMMIT US TO ANY ARMS/MIL EQUIP SALES TO PRC DURING VISIT. SAYS SUCH AN ACTION MIGHT THREATEN SOVIETS; PUSH US/USSR TO INTENSIFIED GLOBAL CONFLICT.

14. CHINA

SUN BELIEVES HUA KUO-FENG SEEKS STABILITY/DEVELOPMENT TO MODERNIZE. IDENTIFIES MEN AROUND CHRMN AS MODERATES W/VALUES EASIER FOR W TO UNDERSTAND/EASIER DO BUSINESS WITH. FORESEES PRC IN LONG RUN LOSING SOME OF FEAR OF CONTAMINATION BY FOREIGNERS. FINDS ALL THIS IMPLICIT IN 11TH PARTY CONGRESS, JUST ENDED. CONCLUDES OFFICIAL ATTITUDES TOWARD TAIWAN/USSR/US UNCHANGED SO FAR.

CSM SEES PRC TURNING PG ON MAO ERA. SAYS 11TH CONGRESS HERALDED IDEOLOGICAL SHIFT AWAY FROM REVOLUTIONARY FERVOR/RADICALISM TOWARD MODERATE/PRAGMATIC OUTLOOK. CONSIDERS HUA KUO-FENG/YEH CHIEN-YING/TENG HSIAO-PING TRUMVIRATE OUTWARDLY STABLE/CONFIDENT THO STILL ROOM FOR CLASHES OVER POLICY TO DEVELOP. CONCLUDES NEW COURSE APPEARS PRAGMATIC/MODERN.

LAT (8/21) CARRIES LENGTHY 2 ARTICLES ON NORMALIZING US-PRC RELS. SEN KENNEDY (D-MASS) URGES FULL TIES W/O ABANDONING TAIWAN. HARVARD'S ROSS TERRILL NOTES MAO'S OPENING TO US HAS NOT SWUNG CLOSED UNDER NEW REGIME;

REVIEWS RECENT EVENTS INCL TAIWAN'S DIFFICULTIES.

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GLOBE (8/21) HAS PRO/CON ITEMS ON WHETHER US SHOULD PUSH FOR RELS W/PRC. SEN KENNEDY PRESENTS ARGUMENTS FOR FULL RELS. NAVAL WAR COLLEGE'S ETZOLD GIVES CASE AGAINST. STATES WRONG TO IMAGINE US IS IMPORTANT IN CONCERNS PRC LEADERS; PEKING HAS ESTABLISHED PRIORITY OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS 1ST, FON AFFAIRS 2ND; NOT EVIDENT THAT IN LONG

RUN US WILL RETAIN MORE INFLUENCE W/PEKING BY ACCEDING ON TAIWAN ISSUE.

JAMES (GLOBE 8/22) QUOTES AREA SCHOLARS THAT PRC LEADERS COULD FACE POL DIFFICULTIES WHEN BEGIN SET POL/ECON POLICY. ADDS NEARLY ALL AGREE MODERATESINPOWER WOULD HELP FIRM RELS W/US/OTHER W COUNTRIES.

WSTAR (8/22) REVIEWS RECENT PRC CULTURAL CONTROLS. CONTRASTS WESTERN/COMMUNIST VIEWS ON SUBJECT.

HARVARD'S WALDRON, IN LTR TO GLOBE, COMPARES GLOBE'S ADVOCACY TO MAKE TAIWAN "UNACCREDITED STATE" W/ME SITUATION, POSSIBLE SAME TREATMENT FOR ISRAEL. CSM (8/22) CARRIES 3 LTRS SUPPORTING TAIWAN FROM TAIWAN RESIDENTS; 1 FROM AMCIT WHO SAYS TAIWANESE SHOULD HAVE MORE SAY IN RUNNING ISLAND, THINKS US SHOULD PUT PRESSURE ON ROCG TO THIS END.

LAT (8/21) REVIEWS ARGUMENT PRO/CON NORMALIZATION. SUPPORTS US MOVE TOWARD NORMALIZAITON W/APPROPRIATE UNDERSTANDING FROM PRC ON TAIWAN SECURITY.

BEECH (CDN, 8/16) QUESTIONS PRC ATTITUDE ON IMPORTED TECHNOLOGY. NOTES THAT CHINESE NOW IMPORTING TECHNOLOGY IN EFFORT EXPEDITE NATION'S DEVELOPMENT YET REFUSE SEEK UNCLASSIFIED

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FON ASSISTANCE IN LEARNING HOW BEST UTILIZE/MAINTAIN EQUIPMENT PURCHASED.

CSM'S ELLIS (8/22) SEES LINKAGE CARTER FON POLICY OBJECTIVES PARTICULARLY CONSERVATIVE OPPOSITION TO PANAMA CANAL TREATIES/MOVE TOWARD PRC AT COST OF TAIWAN.

#### 15. INDOCHINA

SEPT ISSUE HUMAN BEHAVIOR MAG PUBLISHES RESULTS SURVEY OF 173 US GENERALS WHO SERVED IN VN 1965-72 WHICH SHOWS SURPRISING UNEASINESS OVER HANDLING WAR. SURVEY BEGUN 1974 BY DOUGLAS KINNARD, WEST POINT GRAD, RET BRIG GEN WHO HELPED PLAN CAMBODIAN INVASION. RESULTS FROM 64 PCT INCLUDE FOLLOWING: MORE THAN HALF SAID SEARCH/

DESTROY MISSIONS SHOULD BEEN EXECUTED BETTER; 28 PCT, TOO MUCH CLOSE AIR SUPPORT USED; 61 PCT, BODY COUNT GROSSLY EXAGGERATED; 41 PCT, MORE CONTROLS NEEDED ON USE HERBICIDES; 15 PCT, B-52 BOMBING IN SVN NOT WORTH WHILE; 28 PCT, RESULTS OF WAR NOT WORTH EFFORT; 25 PCT, US INVOLVEMENT SHOULD NEVER GONE BEYOND ADVISORY

ROLE; 8 PCT, GVN ALLIES ACCEPTABLE FIGHTING FORCE;  
70 PCT, US RAN WAR BADLY; 90 PCT, MEDIA COVERAGE IRRESPONSIBLE, SENSATIONAL OR DISRUPTIVE OF US EFFORT. KINNARD ATTRIBUTES GENS' SILENCE ON THESE ISSUES DURING WAR TO "CAREERISM." SURVEY SAID TO BE MOST COMPLETE PERSPECTIVE MADE OF HOW LARGE GP GENS VIEW HOW THEY HANDLED WAR (PETERSON, WP, 8/21).

ANDERSON/WHITTEN REPORTED NVN PILOTS, FLYING US JET FIGHTERS/BOMBERS/TRANSPORT PLANES, ASTOUNDED AT TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE/KNOWLEDGE US SHARED W/SVN. SOVIETS PROVIDED NVN SUPPLIES, BUT NEVER TECHNICAL EXPERTISE (WP 8/22).

CDN SUPPORTS DOD DECISION "CLOSE THE BOOKS" ON 712  
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SERVICEMEN LISTED MIA OR POWS, CITING 4,735 KOREAN WAR MIAS DECLARED DEAD W/IN 8 MOS FINAL TRUCE. FOLLOWING 2 INVESTIGATIONS, WHICH PRODUCED "NO CREDIBLE EVIDENCE" THAT ANY MIAS STILL ALIVE, DECISION NEITHER UNJUSTIFIED NOR CRUEL, AS STATED LEAGUE OF FAMILIES. CDN SAYS "GREATER CRUELTY" TO NOURISH FALSE HOPES THEY ARE ALIVE (8-20/21).

#### 16. KOREA

FLETCHER SCHOOL'S THOMPSON (CSM 8/22) AT PANMUNJOM SAYS NOT EASY EXPLAIN TO SKOREANS WHY PRES CARTER IS PULLING OUT TROOPS. OPINES SECDEF BROWN DURING VISIT HAD LITTLE SUCCESS JUSTIFYING ACTION; ADDS BROWN'S TRIP DID NOTHING CONVINCE SK THAT US COMMITMENT "IS AS GOOD AS IT ONCE WAS." NOTES SK SEES ROUGH ROAD AHEAD TRYING GET US HONOR PROMISES OF "ADEQUATE" MIL EQUIPMENT TO COMPENSATE FOR DEPARTING TROOPS; FINDS SKOREANS REFUSE TALK ABOUT THEIR NUKE OPTION. CONCLUDES EFFECT CARTER'S PULLOUT PLAN IS TO INCREASE PRES PARK'S POPULARITY/STIMULATE SERIOUS CONSIDERATION NUKE OPTION.

NOVAK (WSTAR 8/21) BELIEVES CARTER ADMIN HAS STARTED "DESCENT INTO THE VALLEY" AFTER INHERITING SERENE WORLD SITUATION/STRONG ECONOMY/CONGRESS DOMINATED BY OWN PARTY. OPINES HUMAN RTS POLICY CORRECT BUT PRES' HANDLING SUGGESTS AWKWARDNESS/INCOHERENCE. POINTS OUT SK RANKS 69TH AMONG 140 NATIONS (ACCORDING FREEDOM HOUSE) IN PROTECTION HUMAN RTS, W/NK/PRC "FAR DOWN THE LIST,"

BUT CARTER W/DRAWS FROM SK. CONCLUDES W/DRAWAL FROM POWER MARKS ADMIN; BELIEVES TROUBLES IN CONGRESS/ECON/INTL STABILITY LIKELY GET WORSE.  
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JAMESON (LAT 8/19) REVIEWS POSITION RELIGIONS IN SK,  
FINDS IT RECEPTIVE TO MANY FAITHS. BELIEVES TROUBLED  
HISTORY CONTRIBUTES TO SPIRITUAL ACTIVITY.

17. PHILIPPINES

UPI (BALTO N-A 8/22) REVIEWS ARGUMENTS FOR US BASES  
IN PHILS. NOTES NECESSITY OF SUBIC/CLARK UNDER QUESTION  
IN CONGRESSIONAL REPTS/DOS INTERNAL PAPER. STATES  
EA'S HOLBROOKE VISITED BASES IN RECENT MOS; QUOTES  
SOURCES THAT HE DEPARTED CONVINCED OF THEIR ROLE.

18. GENERAL

REUTER'S DANIEL (LAT 8/19) LOOKS OVER HOUSING PROJECTS  
THAT PROLIFERATE IN ASIA AS GOVTs SPEND BILLIONS TRYING  
KEEP UP W/POPULATION. DESCRIBES SITUATION IN HK/SINGA-  
PORE/BANGKOK/HANOI/KL/MANILA/TAIPEI/JAKARTA/SEOUL/TOKYO.  
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